

NEW VACANT SEATS.
A SOCIETY CIRCUS
Red Cross Benefit Has Auspicious Opening This Afternoon at Convention Hall.
DISTRICT HEADS ENLIST IN THE BOOSTER BRIGADE
Members of Congress Patronize Tonight—Special Patronage Days Are Announced.

Special Correspondence of The Star.
ALEXANDRIA, Va., October 19.—The work of rebuilding the big warehouse of Charles King & Son Company, incorporated, at the southeast corner of Lee and Queen streets, which was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, will be begun just as soon as the fire insurance officials adjust the loss. It was 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the three city fire engines, and today two plug streams are throwing water on the smoldering ruins. The fire of the warehouse did not cease work on the fire until after 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Afterward the Washington firemen were given breakfast and they returned home.
Frank T. King, head of the firm, estimates that the loss to stock and building will be between \$175,000 and \$200,000, of which amount \$150,000 is on fire insurance. The four brick walls of the immense warehouse are all that are left standing, and they are badly damaged.
The local firemen worked exactly thirteen hours on the fire. This is the longest record for an individual fire in recent years.
King & Son resumed business from their main building this morning as usual.

St. Rita's Church Dedicated.
In the presence of a congregation which filled the church to its capacity, including many from this city, St. Rita's Catholic Church, at Mount Ida, Alexandria county, was dedicated yesterday morning by Rev. D. J. O'Connell, bishop of the diocese of Richmond.

The bishop made a short address, in which he congratulated the members of the congregation on their zeal, and said that he felt satisfied that the church would meet with success. The altar was decorated with white chrysanthemums and looked very attractive.
Immediately following the dedicatory services, mass was celebrated, Rev. J. J. Cutler, pastor of St. Mary's Church, this city, being the celebrant, with Rev. L. F. Kelly, also of this city, as master of ceremonies. A sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Delahanty of Loyola College, Baltimore, he taking for his subject "The Promised Land." Prayers at the altar were Bishop O'Connell and Rev. Timothy Bresnahan, Loyola College, Baltimore.

Bishop and visiting clergy held a reception immediately following the mass, being greeted by all of the parishioners. A number of the clergy, including Rev. J. J. Cutler, Rev. L. F. Kelly, Rev. T. J. Delahanty, Rev. Timothy Bresnahan, Loyola College, Baltimore, and Rev. J. J. Cutler, pastor of St. Mary's Church, this city, were present.

Firemen to Hold Banquet.
The Relief Hook and Ladder Company has issued invitations for a banquet to be served at its house at 3 o'clock Thursday night, in observance of the formal opening of its new fire engine house.

Members of the city council, officers of the two other fire companies and various city officials are expected to attend. Covers will be laid for 125 guests. J. H. Trimyer, president of the company, will act as toastmaster, and speeches will be made by a number of city officials.
Post F. Travelers' Protective Association, is arranging for what will be known as a "get-together" banquet, to be given the latter part of next month. A number of prominent speakers will be invited to address the gathering. Both time and place for the affair are yet to be determined upon. A committee, composed of J. William May, R. L. Payne, S. W. Pitts, O. H. Kirk and L. Reed, has been appointed to arrange for the banquet.

Revivalist Changes Churches.
Evangelist Lee Starke will begin revival services tonight in the M. E. Church South, having concluded a week's services in Trinity M. E. Church last night, when he preached to a large congregation. Rev. Mr. Starke also addressed a men's meeting yesterday, while Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the M. E. Church South, addressed a women's meeting. Charged with stealing two pistols and \$4 from the home of Rose Ward, colored, Kossuth Williams, colored, was in the police court today sentenced to the reform school, where he will be kept until he reaches his majority. Williams denied the charge, although he had one of the pistols, it was claimed, in his possession.
Elmore Mudd and T. E. Mills of Belle Haven Council and S. A. Forrest, J. P. Petty and R. L. Merriam of Jackson Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, have gone to Roanoke, Va., to attend the state convention of that organization.
The corporation court, Judge L. C. Barley presiding, will be in session tomorrow morning, when one criminal case is slated for trial.
Four speakers from the Central Trades Union, Washington, will deliver talks tonight before the Alexandria Trades Council at an open meeting to all union men, which will be held in its hall over the Alexandria National Bank building.

SERMON ON LIFE'S PROBLEMS.
Rev. J. S. Montgomery Discusses \$75-a-Month Salaries.

"We may take the many problems of life that confront men, and we may juggle them up and juggle them down," declared Rev. James S. Montgomery, in his sermon last night at Metropolitan Methodist Church, "and at the last we shall find that self-preservation is the first law of nature, and that the two great problems of life are, 'What shall I eat?' and 'here shall I stay?'"
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"It is unfeeling for a minister to condemn a man for juggling with money, chasing so long as the vital problem of daily life is how to make ends meet, while he himself draws a fiveable salary and before him each Sunday there are the upturned faces of fifty and seventy-five-dollar-a-month men from whom society and state expect so much. May I ask how much integrity and honor should be expected of a husband and father who pays rent and supports a family of school children on such meager wages?"
"Here is the tragedy of the dollar, though: It is still the 'angel of light' in the court and congress of this world, often it is like a blinding tear blotting out everything before it. It is Jesus preaching the gospel of peace when there is no peace in it, and over again the device of Satan turning the thoughts of men away from the sacramental bread of a good, unselfish life."

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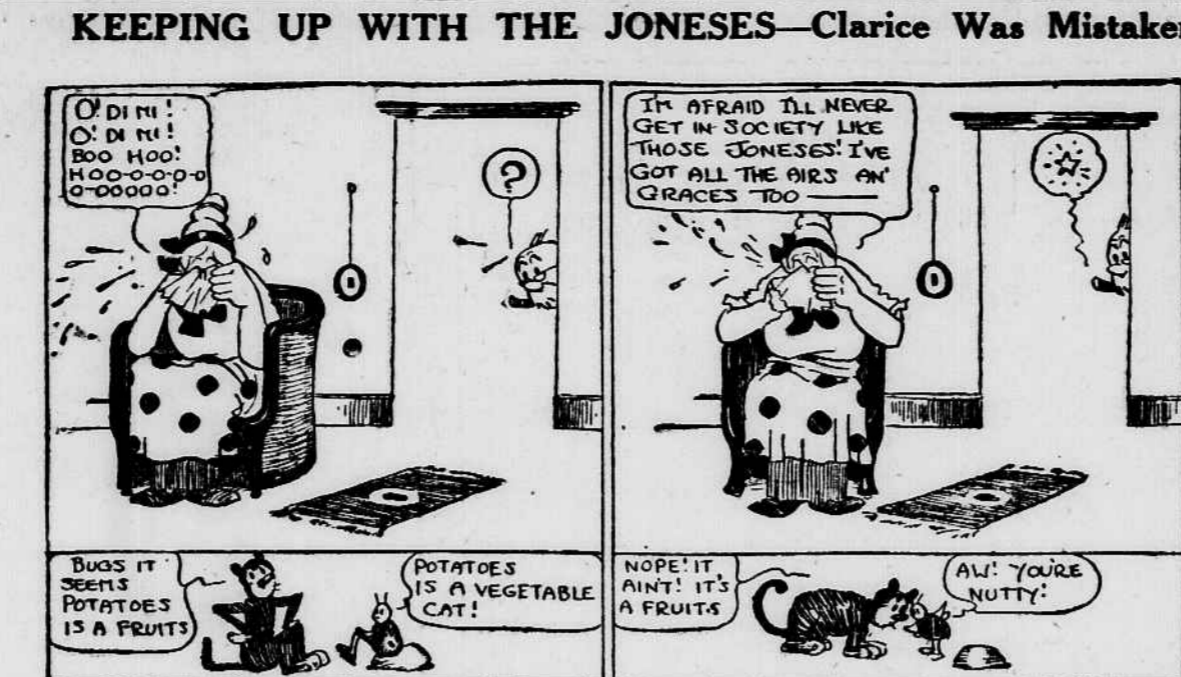
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OPENING CEREMONIES AT HEBREW INSTITUTION
Home for the Aged on M Street Northwest Formally Dedicated to Use.

The new Hebrew Home for the Aged, 415 M street northwest, was opened to the public yesterday. Among those on the platform in the afternoon were Bernard Danzansky, president of the home; Simon Wolf, Dr. Abram Simon, Rabbi G. Silverstone, Rabbi Grossman, M. Leasing, H. Cohen, I. Weissenberg, M. Korman, B. Hoffenberg, P. Berman and M. Mostow.

Short addresses were made by Mr. Wolf, Rabbi Simon, Rabbi Silverstone and others. Rabbi Silverstone dwelt on the debt which the younger generations owed to those who had watched over them since childhood and were now too old and infirm to take a further part in life. He counseled his hearers to venerate their elders and to signify their appreciation of all that had been done for them by making easy the remaining days of these lives.
Small Balance Due on Property.
The home as it stands, it was announced, represents an outlay of \$10,000 and is the contribution of Washington's Hebrew population. It was announced that \$9,000 had been paid on the structure, leaving a balance of \$1,000 to be paid. A bazaar, opened yesterday, is expected to result in raising sufficient money to wipe out this indebtedness. The bazaar is to continue three days, during which time the new home is to be open to inspection by the general public.
Those in charge of the affair, all members of the Ladies' Auxiliary committee, are Mrs. Ida Weissenberg, Mrs. Shears, Mrs. Yudelvit, Mrs. Danzansky, Mrs. Klametz, Mrs. Lichtenberg and Mrs. Reichgut.

LIGHTHOUSE TUMBLES DOWN.
Century-Old Tower at Bodkin Point Vanquished by Storm.
As a result of the mid-week easterly gale and high water on Chesapeake Bay, the old lighthouse tower on Bodkin point, for nearly a century a guide to navigators entering the Potomac, succumbed to the wash of the waves and tumbled into the bay.
Though small use to heavy draft vessels, the old tower was used as a day mark by small craft up to the time of its fall. The tower dates back to 1820, when a deed covering twenty acres was made to the United States government by Henry Dunbar and Richard Caton.
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